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Questions and Answers about Asbestos and EPA's Investigation

Q: • Does EPA use a 1% asbestos concentration by mass using
• Polarized Light Microscopy (PLM) to determine if
emergency cleanup is necessary?

A: • No. EPA considers several factors in the decision to an emergency response /
removal cleanup action.

- EPA considers
- The concentration of asbestos fibers
- the fact that the type of fiber is in the tremolite/actinolite series (amphibole and not serpentine)
- the frequency of exposure
- the duration of exposure
- the activities that are likely to occur at a given location, either now or in the future
- potential exposure or becoming airborne to nearby population, animals, or the food chain

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